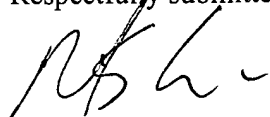


**REMARKS**

Claims 16-58 have been added to the application and claim subject matter disclosed in the application as originally filed but not necessarily claimed therein.. Each of Claims 16-58 finds support in the drawings, written description, and/or claims of the application as originally filed.

Applicant awaits a first substantive Office Action on the application.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

1. (amended) A fiber-ring optical resonator, comprising:
  - a. a resonator fiber; and
  - b. a transverse fiber-ring resonator segment integral with the resonator fiber, the resonator segment having a circumferential optical path length different from the circumferential optical path length of the resonator fiber adjacent to the resonator segment so that the resonator segment may support a substantially circumferential resonant optical mode near an outer surface of the resonator fiber segment. ~~[Is near defined in the spec?]~~

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